

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Serial No. ....10/680,590  
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Inventorship..... Nir Ben-Zvi  
Applicant .....Microsoft Corporation  
Group Art Unit .....2457  
Examiner .....Hussein A. El Chanti  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-2748US  
Title: ..Supporting Point-to-Point Intracluster Communications Between Replicated Cluster  
Nodes

**AMENDMENT**

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 21, 2009**

To: **Mail Stop Amendment**  
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Dear Examiner El Chanti:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 21, 2009, and is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period.

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